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ease, malarial fever, mild. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week was good.

Bills of health were issued to the following vessels: July 15, steamship *Breifond*; crew, 15; number of passengers from this port, none; number of passengers in transit, none; pieces of baggage disinfected, none. July 16, steamship *Usk*; crew, 20; number of passengers from this port, none; number of passengers in transit, none; pieces of baggage disinfected, none.

Respectfully,

R. H. PETERS,

Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Report from Puerto Cortez—Fruit port.

PUERTO CORTEZ, HONDURAS, *July 23, 1901.*

SIR: I have to make the following report of the conditions and transactions at this port during the week ended July 23, 1901:

Population according to census of 1896, 1,856; present officially estimated population, 2,000.

Number of cases and deaths from yellow fever during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from smallpox during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from typhus fever during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from cholera during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from plague during the week, none; number of deaths from other causes during the week, 1. Prevailing diseases, malarial fever. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week was very good. Proper ship and passenger certificates inclosed.

Bills of health were issued to the following vessels: July 17, steamship *Oteri*; crew, 35; passengers from this port, 7; passengers in transit, terminus; pieces of baggage disinfected, 12. July 19, steamship *Bratten*; crew, 15; passengers from this port, none; passengers in transit, none; pieces of baggage disinfected, none. July 20, steamship *Adria*; crew, 15; passengers from this port, none; passengers in transit, none; pieces of baggage disinfected, none.

Respectfully,

SAMUEL HARRIS BACKUS,

Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

MEXICO.

Report from Vera Cruz.

VERA CRUZ, MEXICO, *July 23, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit the following report of the transactions at this station during the week ended July 20, 1901:

The rainfall has been very heavy, creating a state of things extremely disagreeable. During the week 29 deaths were reported, 1 being from yellow fever. Notwithstanding the unfavorable weather conditions, the city's mortality has considerably decreased. Passenger baggage is now receiving attention here. That of the first-class passengers from the City of Mexico, if not opened in Vera Cruz, is labeled "Inspected and passed." The baggage of other first-class passengers is inspected, and if found to be clean and from a locality free of infection, is also passed.

Baggage of all passengers from Coatzacoalcas, of second-cabin and steerage passengers, and all bedding is labeled for disinfection. The inspection of baggage is conducted on board as it is received. Seven vessels were cleared and given bills of health; 199 passengers inspected, and 179 pieces of baggage labeled.

I inclose the mortality report for the week.

Respectfully,

D. E. DUDLEY,

Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

[Inclosure.]

Vera Cruz, Mexico—Mortality report for the week ended July 20, 1901.

Yellow fever.....	1	Dysentery	2
Pneumonia.....	1	Tuberculosis	2
Malaria	2	Tetanus.....	1
Enteritis	5	Total deaths from all causes.....	29
Measles	1		

VERA CRUZ, MEXICO, *July 29, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit the following report of the week ended July 27, 1901:

It has rained nearly all of the time, causing much delay to the shipping in the harbor. The Ward liner steamship *Seguranca* was so much delayed by the rains in shipping her freight that she was obliged to sail nearly twenty-four hours later than her schedule time.

Only 3 vessels were cleared for United States ports during the week.

As was stated in a previous report, the Ward Line has 3 vessels engaged in the coast trade, picking up passengers and freight at various ports along the Mexican coast, then transshipping directly to their New York passenger boats in Vera Cruz.

Yellow fever has prevailed at some of these ports this year, and on this account it was deemed advisable to inspect these vessels during the time they were lying alongside the passenger boats.

The sanitary condition of the vessels in question is not always of the best, and sickness, should it occur on board during this transfer of cargo, might go undetected unless such inspections were made.

I communicated with the agents of the line relative to this matter, and advised them of the danger from infection to their passenger steamers in the event of sickness occurring on board one of their coasters. In case of sickness the patient could be promptly removed and the living quarters easily disinfected, if necessary, without much delay to their work.

The agents here object to the inspections and have appealed to their New York office. The masters of the vessels rather favor the idea, and and I have no doubt but that the New York office of the Ward Line will also appreciate the efforts made in their behalf for the protection to their vessels.

There has been no death from yellow fever during the past week. There were 44 deaths reported—a considerable increase over the previous week.

Respectfully,

D. E. DUDLEY,

Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

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Vera Cruz, Mexico—Mortality report for the week ended July 27, 1901.

Tuberculosis	16	Meningitis.....	3
Dysentery.....	2	Malaria.....	2
Enteritis.....	4	Alcoholism.....	1
Pernicious fever.....	3	Total deaths from all causes.....	44

Vessels of the American Smelting and Refining Company to be disinfected at Tampico.

TAMPICO, MEXICO, July 24, 1901.

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated July 13, 1901, instructing me to disinfect vessels of the American Smelting and Refining Company.

Respectfully,

V. B. GREGORY,

Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Mortality of Tampico for the three weeks ended July 21, 1901.

TAMPICO, MEXICO, July 24, 1901.

SIR: I have the honor to submit the following report of deaths in this municipality for the three weeks ended July 21, 1901: Congenital debility, 1; abscess of liver, 1; syphilitic cachexia, 1; whooping cough, 2; malarial cachexia, 3; phthisis, 8; malaria, 3; gastro-enteritis, 2; dysentery (chronic), 2; erysipelas, 1; chronic alcoholism, 1; pernicious malarial fever, 2. Total, 27.

Respectfully,

V. B. GREGORY,

Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

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NICARAGUA.

Reports from Bluefields—Fruit port.

BLUEFIELDS, NICARAGUA, July 18, 1901.

SIR: I have to make the following report of the conditions and transactions at this port during the week ended July 17, 1901:

Population according to census of 1894, 3,000. Present officially estimated population, 4,000.

Number of cases and deaths from yellow fever during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from smallpox during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from typhus fever during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from cholera during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from plague during the week, none; number of deaths from other causes during the week, 3. Prevailing diseases, malarial fever and enteric disorders. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week has been generally good. The 3 deaths noted herein occurred at this port and were all due to malarial fever—July 12, a native male, aged 8 years; July 16, a native female (negro), aged 15 years; July 17, a native male (negro), aged 13 months.

Bills of health were issued to the following vessel: July 17, steam-